

TOWN OF BLOOMING GROVE NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Election: Tuesday, April 5

The polls will be open at the Town Hall, 1880 S. Stoughton Road, from 7:00am to 8:00pm on Tuesday, April 5. The ballot includes non-partisan races for judicial seats, Dane County Board, Town Board, and local school board.

Please refer to the Town's website for up-to-date information about voter registration and absentee voting: www.blmgrove.com. You can vote absentee by mail, absentee in person in the Town Office (March 22 - April 1), or on election day itself.

Contact Information

Town Office (Mike) 608-223-1104
Public Works (Cory) 608-575-2369
Waste Management 888-960-0008
Building Insp. (Roger) 414-639-6314
Sheriff (non-emerg) 608-255-2345

Town Annual Meeting

The Town's Annual Meeting is on Wednesday, April 20 at 6:30pm at the Town Hall. A review of 2021, including reports from various departments, are on the agenda.

Town Officials / Staff

Town Board

Ron Bristol (Chair)
Dean Larson
Amy Schroeder
Jeff Teuscher
Dave Young

Plan Commission

Dave Young (Chair)
Liz Johnson
Cheryl Larson
Mike Meyers
Jeff Teuscher

Clerk/Treas/Admin

Mike Wolf

Deputy Clerk/Treas

Kellene Leicht

Public Works Dept.

Cory Buske (Supervisor)

Town Website: www.blmgrove.com

The Town's website is updated at least once a week to keep you informed. You are encouraged to bookmark the site, and refer to it when you have a question or concern. Several applications are available on the website, including for dog licenses, voter registration, absentee voting, and building permits.

Yard Waste Collection

Spring yard waste collection runs from April 1 through May 15. Please make sure that yard waste, and only yard waste, is placed in bags that are tied at the top and weigh no more than 40 pounds. Place these bags by the road, and they will be picked up within a week. For more information, call Cory at 608-575-2369.

The Town respectfully asks you to consider purchasing paper bags instead of plastic bags for yard waste collection. While a more expensive option, the paper is much better for the environment... and allows your Public Works staff to more efficiently dispose of the yard waste. Thank you!

Town Office Hours

The Town Office is open
8:00-4:00 Mondays
thru Thursdays and
8:00-noon on Fridays.

Chipping Brush

The Town's Public Works staff chips brush weekly during April and May. You can do your part to help make the Town's operations more efficient by piling your brush all in the same direction, with the butt ends facing the road. Only branches 6" or less in diameter will go through the chipper.

Check out the detailed parameters of what will and will not be chipped, by going to www.blmgrove.com. From there, click on "Chipping Policy".

Cemetery Spaces for Sale

There are cemetery spaces for sale in the Blooming Grove Cemetery, located just to the east of LaFollette High School on Pflaum Road. A space costs \$1000 for non-residents, and just \$400 for Town residents.

Contact the Town Office at 608-223-1104 for details.

The Future of Blooming Grove, and School Districts

The Town of Blooming Grove will cease to exist on November 1, 2027. Between now and then the Town will be able to stay viable thanks to the fact the vast majority of residents are protected from annexation.

It's important to know that school districts are not the same as municipal boundaries. To illustrate, children in the April Hill neighborhood in Blooming Grove currently attend McFarland schools. That will not change as a result of the Town's dissolution in 2027.

Thank you for Recycling

The Town and Waste Management thank you for taking the time to place recyclables in the designated bin for pickup. Recycling extends the useful life of the county's landfill, and is good for the environment as a whole.

Maintaining Your Stormwater Culvert

Town residents who live north of Milwaukee Street have street/curb outlets and underground infrastructure to deal with stormwater management. But all other Town residents rely on culverts and ditches to make sure rainfall doesn't create ponding or flooding.

For those folks who have a culvert underneath their driveway, please remember to properly maintain it -- both structurally and in terms of keeping debris from clogging it up. Your property and the property of your neighbors will be well served if you make sure the water properly flows through your culvert, and through the ditches along your property.

Thank you for being a steward of your property, and a good neighbor!

Town's Annual Clean Sweep

Every spring the Town conducts a Clean Sweep in one of its three parks. This year the Clean Sweep is scheduled for Saturday, May 7 from 7:00am to 11:00am in Thurber Park on Thurber Avenue. Town residents are welcome to dispose of almost any kind of item (with the exception of yard waste, hazardous waste, tires on rims, and more than four tires per household). Questions about the event can be directed to Public Works Supervisor Cory Buske at 608-575-2369.

Was your Garbage/Recycling bin not emptied?

If your garbage and/or recycling bin were missed on one of the pickup days, please notify Waste Management via their website wm.com and use the chat feature, or call them at 1-888-960-0008.